GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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RAW SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The annual production and consumption of Raw Silk during each of the last three years in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) The names of the countries from where Raw Silk is being imported to meet the domestic demand;

(c) Whether China is exporting Raw Silk to India at low prices which has a disruptive effect on domestic market; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Govt. in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): State-wise Mulberry and Vanya Raw Silk Production for the last three years (i.e., 2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06) is enclosed at Annexure-I and Year-wise production and consumption of Raw Silk for the same years is enclosed at Annexure-II. Country-wise import of Raw Silk into India during the last three years (i.e.,2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06) is enclosed at Annexure-III

(c)&(d): China exported Raw Silk to India at cheaper prices during the year 2003 & 2004. Large scale of dumping of Chinese Raw Silk at a very cheap price has affected domestic farmers and reelers from getting fair prices for their products during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04. Hence, the Central Silk Board (CSB)/Govt.of India, in coordination with the Reelers Associations have filed a Case with the Director General of Anti Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) against dumping of Chinese Raw Silk into the country. The DGAD has imposed Anti-Dumping Duty on the Raw Silk imported from China P.R. with effect from 4th July,2003 which has helped in stabilizing the prices of Cocoons/Raw Silk in the domestic market. Further, the quantum of imports of Raw Silk has also decreased to 14% in the year 2004-05, as compared to 2003-04. Due to imposing of the Anti-Dumping Duty, the import prices have been increased from the year 2005-06.